

VOTERS SHOULD KNOW THEIR PRECINCT NUMBER

Precincts, Legislative Districts Changed

By Carolyn Walker

Voters in Dawson Springs and the surrounding area will see a difference in numbers when they report to the polls for the May 20 primary election — in particular their precinct numbers.

As a result of the recent redistricting, based on 2010 census data, precinct numbers have changed, and the Hopkins County Clerk's office is encouraging residents to be aware of the situation.

According to deputy clerk Keenan Ratliff, registered voters will receive cards with their new precinct numbers in the mail approximately two weeks prior to the primary.

"I would like to urge the voters to take those cards to the polls with them so that they get in the correct precinct line," Ratliff said.

The four precincts voting at Dawson Springs High School are now 37, 38, 39 and 40. Precincts 38 and 39 are in the Dawson Springs city limits, divided primarily by the center line of Arcadia Avenue (U.S.

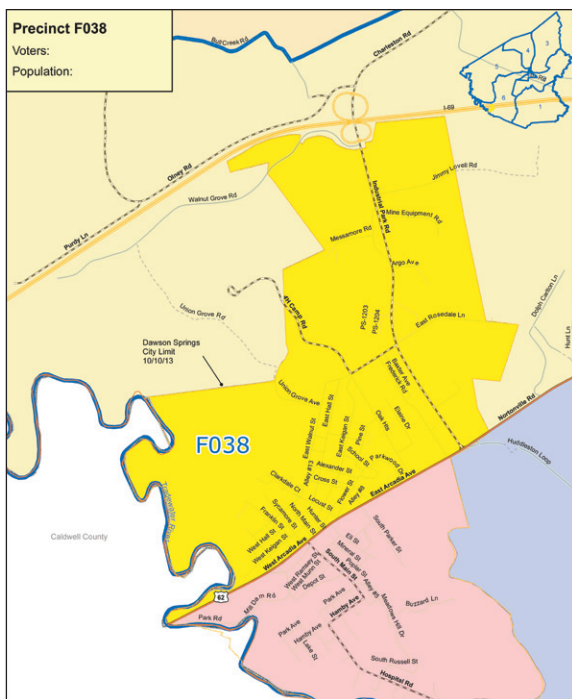
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Residents on the north side of Arcadia Avenue are in Precinct 38, with the Dawson Springs city limits forming the remaining boundaries. This precinct is the largest of the four with close to 1,000 registered voters.

Precinct 39, with approximately 600 registered voters, includes the areas within the city limits on the south side of Arcadia Avenue.

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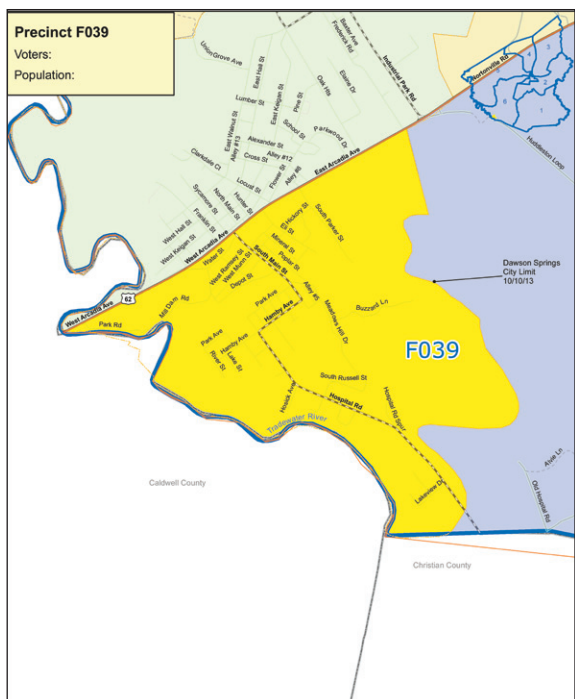
The other two precincts lie outside the Dawson Springs city limits. Precinct 37, which includes approximately 300 registered voters, begins at the intersection of the Caldwell/Hopkins County line and Olney Road and runs east on the south side of the center line of Olney Road to Bull Creek Road to magisterial district line 5 and 6. On the south, it follows the Tradewater River to the Dawson Springs city limit line but does not include the city limits. The eastern border of



PRECINCT 38

Precinct 37 is a census block on the north and House boundary line 9 and 12 on the east which intersects with Nortonville Road (U.S. 62).

Precinct 37 includes Purdy Lane, parts of Fox and



PRECINCT 39

Charleston roads, Saddle Club Road, Kirksey Lane and part of Lucas Circle. Numbers 300 and 295 are the last structures on Lucas Circle in this precinct. Number 260 begins Precinct 40.

The 650 registered voters in Precinct 40 live in the area beginning at the western tip of the Dawson Springs city limits and following the south side of

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MAKING selections at the "Friends of the Library" lasagna luncheon Tuesday, April 1, at the branch library are (from left) Shelby Hamby, Debra Oldham, Sue Ann Beshears, and Jenny Winfrey. Serving are Sadie Austin (left) and Wanda Hughes.

INCLUDES RAISES FOR TEACHERS AND STATE WORKERS

General Assembly Passes Budget

By John Cheves
Lexington Herald-Leader

The General Assembly on Monday approved and sent to Gov. Steve Beshear a \$20.3 billion, two-year spending plan that includes long-awaited pay raises for state employees and schoolteachers, but continues to cut funding for public universities and many state agencies.

The legislature adjourned late Monday for a two-week break. It's scheduled to return April 14 and 15 to consider any vetoes by Beshear, pass a handful of last-minute bills and then end its annual session no later than midnight April 15.

The budget will issue far less debt than Beshear proposed with his budget plan in January. It has \$743 million in general-fund bonds, compared to \$1.07 billion in Beshear's plan, and \$721 million in agency-supported bonds, compared to \$974 million in Beshear's plan.

The budget's "structural imbalance" — how much its spending exceeds its dependable, recurring revenue — is \$207 million, compared to \$231 million in the governor's proposal. That hole is filled through a number of budgetary maneuvers, such as sweeping tens of millions of dollars from the bank accounts of state agencies into the state's general fund.

By reaching a compromise on the state budget with two legislative work days remaining, the Democratic-led House and Republican-led Senate avoided the partisan breakdown seen in some years that forced special sessions costing \$60,000 a day.

The House vote on the executive branch budget, which holds most of the money, was 91-9. The Senate vote was 37-1. The judicial and legislative branch budgets also were approved by overwhelming majorities.

Some of the largest items in the budget changed little from the time Beshear proposed them to

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HAVEN'T IN 5 YEARS OR MORE

One In Six Need To See Dentists

New data from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll show the challenges Kentucky adults who are lower income, uninsured or living in rural areas face in getting dental care. Overall, KHIP found six in 10 (64 percent) Kentucky adults went to the dentist in the past year while one in six (15 percent) had not visited a dentist's office in five years or more.

"Oral health is critical to overall health," said Dr. Susan Zepeda, president and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "The latest KHIP findings remind us of the ways economics and geography impact Kentuckians' oral health and access to care."

KHIP highlights include the following:

- About half (48 per-

cent) of Kentucky adults with income at or below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level reported seeing a dentist in the past year compared to eight in 10 (81 percent) of those with incomes above 200 percent FPL.

- Just over half (51 percent) of adults who live in Appalachia visited a dentist in the past year compared to seven in 10 (71 percent) of adults living outside Appalachia.
- More than seven in 10 (73 percent) of those who define their overall health as very good or excellent went to the dentist in the past year while only 50 percent of those who said their overall health is fair or poor went to the dentist.
- One in four (24 per-

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Mayor Sets Committee

Mayor Jenny Sewell called a special city council meeting March 25 to establish a work committee to revise the city's comprehensive plan. The committee will first study the Hopkins County plan to determine if the main components of Dawson Springs' strategic plan are covered. The county plan is also being revised and will be finalized later this year.

Having a comprehensive plan is required for applications for funding of any kind, and the

county's plan must be included, Sewell said.

The committee, made up of Kenny Mitchell, Rhonda Mills and Rick Hendrickson, will finish its review and any needed revisions by April 21. The plan will be presented for approval at the regularly scheduled city council meeting.

The only action taken during the special meeting was to approve the committee. The first committee meeting was scheduled for April 1.


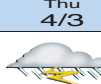


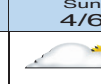
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Leon Matheny, 69

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Service Will Be Today For Leon Matheny, 69

The funeral for Leon Matheny, 69, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour.

The Rev. Steve Clark will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery. Matheny died March 31, 2014, at his home.

He was born Dec. 4, 1944, to the late Ruben and Verna Pollard Matheny.

He was retired from General Motors.

In addition to his parents, Matheny was preceded in death by two brothers, Lester Matheny and Ruben Matheny Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Matheny of Dawson Springs; two daughters, Vonda Castle and Trish Haulk, both of Dawson Springs; five sisters, Thelma Dabb and Mary Lezuchowski, both of Michigan, Roberta Henderson of Crofton,



LEON MATHENY

Aggie Clark and Elizabeth Bourland, both of Tennessee; two brothers, Charles Matheny of St. Charles, and Donald Matheny of Dawson Springs; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Matheny, Michael Bourland, Bruce Lezuchowski, Buddy Castle, Roger Hoskins and Darren Woodruff.

Jerry Henderson will serve as honorary pallbearer.

OBITUARIES

Memorial Service Held For Richard Dickeson

A memorial service for Richard Ernest Dickeson, 76, of Dawson Springs, was held at 11 a.m. Friday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Frisby, the Rev. Mike Schoepfle and the Rev. Jill Schoepfle officiated. Burial will be in Silver Brook Cemetery in Niles, Mich.

Dickeson died March 24, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Aug. 4, 1937, in Niles, Mich., to the late Ernest and Sara College Dickeson.

He served in the United States Army in Germany and worked for 36 years for National Standard in several locations. He retired as plant manager with the firm. He was a member of Adriel Baptist Church.



RICHARD DICKESON

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Bobbie Jo Poe Dickeson, Dawson Springs; a daughter, Jill Schoepfle, St. Joseph, Mich.; a son, Michael Dickeson, Denver, Colo.; a sister, Shirley Hanke, Brandon, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Women's Connection Group Will Meet At Pennyrile Park

The Women's Connection Conference will be held April 11 and 12 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

The event focuses on the study What Happens When Women Say Yes to God by Lysa Terkeurst. Attendees will explore by DVD and group discussion the six steps to a transforming spiritual journey. Terkeurst will share how to experience God in unexpected ways, learn to discern His voice and make faith

come alive.

The conference begins April 11 at 6 p.m. in the lodge dining room with two sessions that night. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. April 12, followed by four sessions.

The cost of the event is \$15 per person which covers breakfast and interactive workbooks. Payments can be made in advance or at the conference. To register, phone Tana Roberts at 270-836-0266 by April 4.

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The Lord Appears to Solomon
I Kings 9; II Chronicles 7
When Solomon had finished building the temple of the LORD and the royal palace the LORD appeared to him and responded to his prayer of dedication telling him that he had heard his prayer and plea and that He had put his name on the temple where it would remain forever. "My eyes and My heart will always be there," God said. God told Solomon that if he walked before Him with integrity and in righteousness, as David had done, and observed God's decrees and laws, then He would establish his throne forever. He also warned that if he or his sons turned away then they would be cut off from the land that He had given them and would reject the temple and then all who passed by would be appalled and they would know that they had forsaken the Lord and had embraced other gods. Concerning the part of Solomon's prayer about God withholding the rain because of the peoples sins, God said, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
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Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Jonathan W. Stewart, 36, Nortonville, was arrested March 25. He was charged with no registration plates, improper equipment, no insurance and operating on a suspended license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Julie C. Flynn, 25, Princeton, was arrested March 25. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Alan K. Parker, 44, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 27. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrant) and contempt of court (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Pamela D. Hobby, 50, Princeton, was arrested March 29. She was charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 (Davies County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Mathew N. Knight, 20, Princeton was arrested March 29. He was charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 (Hopkins County warrant). Knight was also charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 on a Lyon County criminal summons. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

A local resident was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Candace E. Miller, 30, 3820 Charleston Road, was charged March 25 with third-degree criminal trespassing.

Muhlenberg Plant Earns Governor's Safety Award

By Joy Campbell
The Messenger-Inquirer

The 70 employees and some retirees at Dyno Nobel were present March 26 in the Graham community of Muhlenberg County to receive the Governor's Safety and Health Award for logging more than 1 million hours without a lost-time accident.

Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito, of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, said this milestone alone is rare. But the company also did not lose time for a medical treatment injury during those 1 million hours. "We don't have an award for that," Comito said.

And the safety award earned over a seven-year period is special for another reason — the work the employees do. They make explosives, specifically det (detonation) cord and PETN or pentaerythritol tetranitrate, a white, crystal/powder explosive.

Dyno Nobel's international company is a worldwide leader in commercial explosives.

Guests at Dyno Nobel received a tour of the "det cord" plant including demonstrations of explosives made on-site, before Comito made a

plaque presentation in front of employees and several retirees gathered in the break room.

The Graham plant, off Kentucky 175, is a safety model for its international company that is rich in history. Dyno Nobel founder, Alfred Nobel, invented dynamite and the detonator in the mid-1800s. He also created the Nobel Prizes.

Hourly employees earn \$14 to \$15 per hour, and they top out at \$20 to \$21 per hour. The company also has salaried jobs, maintenance employees and engineers.

Comito said companies can qualify and apply for the Governor's Safety and Health Award after achieving a required number of hours worked without a lost time incident. The required amount is dependent on the number of employees at the company. For Dyno Nobel, they would have qualified at 250,000 hours. But they continued their safety run with the actual number of hours worked without a lost-time incident totaling 1,011,467.

The deputy labor secretary said that every day 12 people die in U.S. workplaces. Dyno Nobel's culture and record have prevented injuries and illnesses, Comito said.

Stolen Utility Trailer Found At Cain's Recycling Center

A utility trailer stolen from the Madisonville residence of William Peyton was recovered in Muhlenberg County March 26.

A friend of Peyton recognized the trailer at Cain's Recycling and took pictures. Sgt. Shannon Albro of the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's

Office assisted in the recovery of the stolen trailer. Albro will be seeking charges for the individual who sold the trailer to Cain's Recycling.

The trailer was returned to the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office. Detective Otis Chamberlain was the reporting deputy.



SHAWN HELM (left) a DSHS 1997 graduate and an employee of CSX Railroad, chats with Abe Music, a DSHS 2000 graduate, who is now a Web Architect/Senior Software Engineer, during their visit to the local high school as guest speakers on Career Day Friday, March 21.

E-Cigarette Compromise Passes Kentucky House

By Gregory A. Hall
The Courier-Journal

A compromise effort to ban sales of electronic cigarettes to minors passed the Kentucky House, giving the broadly supported issue a chance at becoming law.

House and Senate committees separately had passed bans on sales of the products to minors, but did so with different language and definitions of the product.

The compromise does not define e-cigarettes as tobacco products — as the version originally approved by the House Licensing and Occupations Committee had. The compromise bans sales of products conveying vaporized nicotine or other products, where the Senate's version focused on devices that convey nicotine.

The compromise, inserted into Sen. Paul Hornback's Senate Bill 109, now goes to the Senate.

"This is a much wider definition, so anything that the industry can come up with in a vaporized form will be covered

under this and will be prohibited (to be sold) to anyone under 18," Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively, said on Wednesday when the compromise passed the House licensing committee. She had sponsored the earlier House committee version.

Jenkins told the House committee that Hornback, R-Shelbyville, has agreed to the changes, as has the office of Gov. Steve Beshear.

E-cigarettes are billed as a safer, cleaner way to get a nicotine fix and are growing in popularity. But some doctors and researchers say the smoking substitutes are harmful, especially to children.

The products are currently legal for all ages in Kentucky, as some teens try the products despite concerns being raised by scientists about the effects of e-cigarettes' "secondhand vapor" on children. The liquid nicotine used in the devices, which comes in flavors such as bubblegum and cola, is being blamed for a growing number of poisonings across the nation.

3 Hopkins Co. Residents Face Felony Drug Charges

The KSP arrested three Hopkins County residents on drug-related charges Friday.

Trooper Joseph Bartolotti initiated a traffic stop after observing two vehicles parked at the dead end of Ky. 2171 near the Pennyryle Parkway. A male subject was standing outside one vehicle making what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction.

During the traffic stop, a female, later identified as Tamberly K. Young, 45, of Earlington, fled on foot. She was apprehended without incident after a short foot pursuit. Bartolotti located drugs and drug paraphernalia that Young had thrown into a wooded area.

Young was arrested and charged with second-degree fleeing or evading a police officer (on foot), possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (co-

caine).

Robert M. Young, 65, of Earlington, the driver of one of the vehicles, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle, driving on a DUI suspended license, and DUI third offense (aggravating circumstances).

Also arrested was Marshall M. Holeman, 51, of Nebo. He was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

All three subjects were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Bartolotti was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Daniel White, Trooper Cody Kromer, the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department and the Madisonville Police Department.

Nortonville Man Arrested For First-Degree Assault

Anthony Groves, 51, of Nortonville, was arrested Friday by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department after Deputy John Hibbs responded to a 911 hang-up call from a female screaming for help.

Upon arriving at the scene, Hibbs discovered Michael Wright bleeding in the driveway at 173 Red Hill Road in Nortonville. Wright reported that he had been stabbed

by Groves.

Groves was located by Deputy Heath Owens at the house next door where he had fled. Groves was arrested on first-degree assault charges.

Wright was transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment of his injuries.

The sheriff's office was assisted by Medical Center EMS and the Kentucky State Police.

Driver Charged With DUI Following 2-Vehicle Crash

A Dawson Springs resident was charged by Kentucky State Police after a two-vehicle injury collision between Nortonville and White Plains Friday.

A preliminary investigation revealed Jimmie Bryant, 61, of Bremen, was driving west on Old Nortonville White Plains Road as Crystal D. Stevenson, 30, of Dawson Springs, was traveling eastbound. Stevenson crossed the center line, and Bryant was unable to

avoid a head-on collision.

Stevenson, Bryant and Bryant's two passengers, Mitchell McCauley, 54, of Graham, and Martin Cobb, 45, of Greenville, were all transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment.

Stevenson was charged with DUI 2nd (aggravating circumstances) and was cited to court due to her injuries.

Trooper Jonathan Murphy investigated the collision.

Sheriff Warns Public About Online Buying/Selling Scam

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Office has received complaints from county residents regarding selling and purchasing items online.

The victims are selling items online, and potential buyers will send the seller (victim) a check for an amount well over the purchase price. The buyer then contacts the seller and instructs the seller to cash the check and send him a check for the overpayment.

The check the buyer has given to the seller is written on a bogus account, and the victim is then held responsible for reimbursing the bank.

The victim must not only pay back the amount of the bogus check but also loses the money sent back to the buyer.

The sheriff's office urges citizens to be aware of these types of scams and to use caution when buying or selling items through online Web sites.

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Cats/Cards met way too soon

The game is over. The fat lady belted out her last note. They turned the lights out.

Another Cardinals-Wildcats basketball game is in the books — but it was over too soon. The two Kentucky schools played in the Sweet 16. It should have been played in the Final Four, provided both teams made it that far.

The NCAA Selection Committee pitted Kentucky against Louisville too soon. But they also pitted the Wildcats against the Wichita State Shockers too soon. After beating Michigan Sunday the Wildcats have moved on to the Final Four by dispatching 75 percent of the teams involved in last year's Final Four.

The game last Friday night was a contest between the last two national champions.

These have been some serious victories put together in succession by the young Cats.

We hope there are two more wins in their tank. We hope the Cats will be playing Monday night for a national championship against either conference-rival Florida or upstart Dayton.

But first, we hope our Wildcats can beat the Badgers from Wisconsin Saturday night. This should be another nail-biter for Coach John Calipari's team.

Even though the big matchup between the in-state teams is history, it's interesting to think about that game some more.

The two teams have met every year during the regular season since that night in 1983. During the 31 years they have met in the regular season Kentucky holds a 20-11 advantage.

The teams have faced each other four times when one of them was ranked number one. In all four instances it was the Wildcats with the top ranking, and the Cats won all four times.

Louisville beat the second-ranked Cats in 2003, and the Cardinals were ranked number two in 1983.

Former coaches Denny Crum and Joe B. Hall are now good friends. They weren't very good friends when they first met in what was called the Dream Game on March 26, 1983, at the 12,489-seat Stokely Athletics Center in Knoxville, Tenn. In that game, the Cardinals defeated the Wildcats 80-68 to give Louisville a two-games-to-one lead in head-to-head NCAA Tournament games.

The following year, the Wildcats won, and UK won again in 2012 in the Final Four on the way to a national championship.

Every time the two teams have played in the tournament, the winner has moved on to play in the Final Four.

It seems as if most Kentucky fans do not like Louisville, and most Cardinal fans do not like the Wildcats. That's too bad. Both high profile basketball programs are good for the entire state. Either school winning a national championship or making it to the Final Four makes the rest of the country sit up and take notice — for something good for a change.

C'mon Louisville fans, you don't have to wear a Kentucky sweatshirt or cap, but follow the lead of Denny and Joe B. Let's be friends and when the two teams don't play each other, root for the in-state school over teams from Wisconsin, Ohio or Florida.

—He was a widower and she was a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, being high school classmates and having attended class reunions over the past 25 years. This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening. The widower threw admiring glances at her. The widow smiled coyly back at him. Finally, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes, yes I will!" The evening ended on a happy note for the widower.

But the next morning he was troubled. Did she say "Yes" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank.

He remembered asking the question but for the life of him could not recall her response. With fear and trepidation he called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No?'"

"Why you silly man I said, 'Yes. Yes I will.' And I meant it with all my heart."

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat.

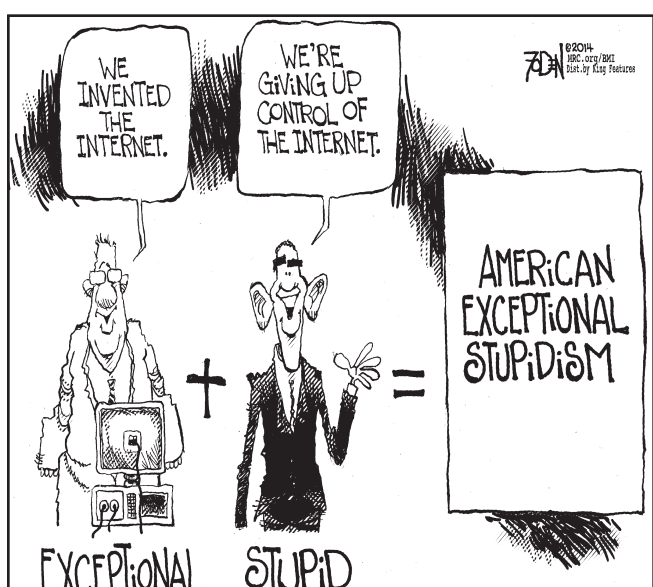
Then she continued, "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked me!"

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Commentary...

Congress needs to make changes

By Lee H. Hamilton

These are hard times for Congress. Its approval ratings have seen a bump from their historic lows of a few months ago, but it's a small one. Our representative democracy's keystone political institution is widely derided as ineffective, unproductive, irrelevant, and sadly out of touch.

It is no coincidence that this comes while Congress has developed a taste for so-called "unorthodox lawmaking," wandering far outside its traditional procedures. That's why I would argue that as grim as things seem now, there is a fix for what ails Congress.

Broadly speaking, it involves congressional process. Let me quote John Dingell, the canny U.S. House member from Michigan who recently announced his retirement. "I'll let you write the substance," he once told a House Judiciary subcommittee, "...you let me write the procedure, and I'll screw you every time." In legislative bodies, whoever controls the process controls the result. If it wants to restore itself, Congress must make its processes exemplary and fair.

Members should begin by opening the floor to more amendments. At the moment amendments are tightly limited, if not banned outright, in an effort by the leadership to control the outcome. This restricts debate, impedes the free flow of ideas, and strengthens leaders while disempowering ordinary members.

The leadership also needs to give up its concentrated power and hand more authority to congressional committees. However worthy congressional leaders may be, they cannot do the job that the committee system was designed for: holding hearings, inquiring

deeply into issues, eliciting facts, laying out options, arguing over amendments, finding the common ground needed to advance legislation.

The simple truth is that members of Congress are there primarily to legislate — not to raise money or score political points on television. Yet Congress seems to devote less and less time to crafting and passing legislation; it is losing the habit and the skills, and its work product suffers. It needs to work harder at the job Americans expect.

To make this possible, the Senate should do more of its business by simple majority vote of the senators present and voting. I know that many senators like the ability to filibuster, and do not want to abandon the rule that requires 60 votes to close debate. But here's the thing: the super-majority rule, as it has been applied recently, has become a formula for impotence and disorder. Every democratic institution in this country operates by majority rule except the Senate, where a small minority can completely gum up the works.

It's important for the majority to assure fair procedures that take minority views fully into account, but at the end of the day Congress needs to work, not be hamstrung by loyalty to a Senate rule that has outlived its purpose.

Which is not to say that tradition has no place on Capitol Hill. Many of the procedures it developed over long years of practice were designed to improve its functioning — especially in designing and enacting the federal budget. That process is completely broken



LEE HAMILTON

now. Congress needs to focus its attention on returning to the traditional budget process of considering separate appropriations bills, as opposed to lumping the entire budget into a single bill.

Other key processes also need mending. The confirmation of presidential appointees is absurdly slow, seriously jeopardizing a president's ability to

govern. Some 50 ambassadorial nominees await votes in the Senate, some of them having cooled their heels for months, and foreign governments are noticing and taking offense. The congressional ethics committees are dormant. Travel privileges are routinely abused — the government should pay for legitimate congressional travel and no trips should be paid for by special interest groups. The crucially important oversight process has become a political sideshow. Campaign expenditures should be limited and donors should be disclosed.

The point of all this is that Congress is listing, but it can right itself. It may not be able to tackle all of these proposed fixes at once, but each is within its power. Members should quit throwing up their hands and protesting that they can't do anything about their own institution's problems. It's their job to put Congress back in working order and they have the power to do it.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Other editors

Army Corps of Engineers made wise move

Early last month, we editorialized that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were stonewalling on their efforts to raise Lake Cumberland to its normal water level.

We stated that the repairs at Wolf Creek Dam, which have been ongoing for seven years, were indeed needed. But now that it is fixed, we saw no reason the corps couldn't return the lake to its original level of 723 feet.

The corps said it had to undertake a biological assessment designed to "minimize any potential impacts to the species."

The reference is to a 2.5-inch minnow called the Duskytail Darter, which lives in the lake's tributaries and was listed on the endangered species list.

Most would agree, especially those who live near, around or on Lake Cumberland, that this lake is their livelihood. The lake is estimated to bring in \$200 million in tourism revenue each year.

They and others felt that this was a lot of money to be toying around with their lives over a study of a 2.5-inch minnow.

We agreed.

Now, we are glad to see that the corps and the Fish and Wildlife Service finalized the biological study and have agreed to raise the lake to previous levels.

The corps and the Fish and Wildlife Service should be commended for their decision and for expediting the process to get the water levels raised back to where they were seven years ago.

It is worth noting the agencies implemented an expedited review and analysis process to complete the biological analysis in 45 days. The normal consultation process allows up to 135 days. They also are taking conservation measures to preserve the Duskytail darters.

The fact that these agencies expedited the biological studies shows they do care about getting the lake back to its previous level. One can also take from their decision to expedite the process that they saw and heard the needs of the people of that region of the state and their elected officials and respected their wishes and needs.

The citizens who voiced their opinions on this matter and U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., and U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., should be applauded for standing up against these two very powerful agencies. Their voices and actions made a difference.

In the past, there have been differences of opinion about the corps' actions, but this time they got it right, and we give them credit for doing so.

Now those affected for the past seven years because of lower lake levels hopefully will see tourists flock back to one of Kentucky's most beautiful lakes, and the people of that region will see a sense of normalcy once again and their economies once again flourishing.

—The Daily News
Bowling Green

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, April 1, 2004.)

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday afternoon for an approximate \$2 million worship center and ministry building for the First Baptist Church at the site on Hwy. 109 North.

Autumn Nicole Haberson was born Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

David Andrew Gamble was born Tuesday, March 2, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed five pounds and 12 ounces.

The funeral for the Rev. G. R. James, 83, was held Friday afternoon, March 26, at the Gospel Assembly Church.

The funeral for Elanor Ruth Varner, 78, was held Saturday afternoon, March 27, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Nora Mae Griffin Baeur, 78, was held Friday afternoon, March 26, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, March 30, 1989.)

Three local businesses are among the 4,850 retailers approved to sell lottery tickets in Kentucky.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Akers and sons, Rob and Rusty, were honored by the Apostolic Holiness Church with a welcome reception.

Mrs. Berdie Fox received a plaque for her 63 years of faithful service to the Ilsley Christian Church.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, April 2, 1964.)

Funeral services were held for O. A. "Allie" Oldham, 76, Tuesday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

A birthday dinner was recently given in honor of Shellie Poe and Lucian Menser. They celebrated their 71st birthday.

Kenneth Mark Sisk was born Friday, March 13, at the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton.

Lisa Rena McKnight was born Wednesday, March 25, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. She weighed eight pounds and eight ounces.

Moments in time...

- On April 4, 1841, only 31 days after assuming office, William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, dies at the White House. At his inauguration, Harrison declined to wear a jacket or hat and made a two-hour speech. Soon afterward, he developed pneumonia.
- On April 5, 1859, naturalist Charles Darwin sends his publishers the first three chapters of "Origin of Species," which will become one of the most influential books ever published. Knowing the fates of scientists who had published radical theories and been ostracized or worse, Darwin had held off publishing his theory of natural selection for years.
- On April 1, 1924, Adolf Hitler is sentenced for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch of Nov. 8, 1923. He had been charged with high treason. Despite his conviction, he was out of jail before the end of the year, with his political position stronger than ever.
- On April 3, 1936, Richard Bruno Hauptmann, convicted in the kidnapping and murder of the 20-month-old son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, is executed by electrocution. In 1932, Charles Jr. was kidnapped from the nursery of the Lindbergh home.

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Other editors

Legislature has performed poorly

As the Kentucky General Assembly wound down its work Friday, it appears its legacy will be completely underwhelming.

Members took on a few substantive issues, making some significant improvements in the state juvenile laws, for example, in a way that should help troubled youths who commit minor offenses, such as truancy, stay out of jail and get the help they need.

But for the most part, this legislature has been so dysfunctional members couldn't even agree until the last minute on a way to help some school districts get relief from the tremendous number of snow days they are supposed to make up.

Late Friday, after days of bickering and one deal that collapsed, a bill finally cleared the legislature that would allow Education Commissioner Terry Holliday to waive some instructional hours for schools that have missed the most days. Gov. Steve Beshear said he plans to sign it Monday.

But the budget battle went on into the weekend with some Senate Republicans bent on a last-minute whack to the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing that could decimate the agency and was apparently offered with no thought.

In what looks like an early Christmas present to the coal industry, Senate Republicans proposed cutting underground mine inspections from six to two each year and cut \$5 million from the mine safety agency's budget, prompting howls from safety advocates who fought hard to toughen oversight after the 2006 Darby mine explosion that killed five miners in Harlan County.

"We're talking about people's lives," Steve Earle, an international vice-president for the United Mine Workers, told The Courier-Journal. "I am absolutely appalled that they would go to these extremes."

But hey, the Darby explosion in a mine riddled with safety violations was eight years ago and besides, Senate President Robert Stivers, a Man-

chester Republican blithely explained, because of a decline in coal production, there are fewer mines to inspect.

Near the end of last week, Mr. Stivers said the Senate might be willing to allow more inspections on mines but wasn't sure it would give the agency back any of the money it cut. While that could change, Kentucky coal miners need to remember who in Frankfort seems to care little about their safety and their lives.

Meanwhile, the Senate extended its largesse to the Kentucky Farm Bureau, by slapping an "Ag Gag" measure it wanted onto an unrelated House Bill 222 on animal euthanasia sponsored by Rep. Joni Jenkins, a Shively Democrat. The Senate measure would make it a crime to record anything going on at factory farms and slaughter houses without the owner's permission —aimed squarely at blocking whistleblowers from exposing animal abuse.

Ms. Jenkins, unhappy with this change in a bill meant to bar animal shelters from using gas to kill animals, said it likely will die in the House as a result.

Also near death is a bill to restore voting rights to felons after it drew widespread support of folks including Kentucky's junior Sen. Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green.

But the Senate gutted House Bill 70 and turned it into a voter suppression bill by adding conditions more onerous than Kentucky has now in its constitution.

Daily prayer vigils and pleas to lawmakers do not appear to have persuaded the Senate to back off.

But it's an election year and hopefully, voters will remember what harm their members did or did not do.

—The Courier-Journal

Letters to the editor

Museum is grateful

Dear Editor,

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the chili luncheon on March 20.

A special thanks goes to all who reinstated their memberships and to new members joining us for the first time. Your support is vital for the continuing success of the museum.

We express appreciation to the museum board members for all the planning and work for the luncheon and membership drive.

We sincerely thank the community and businesses for all their support. Everyone is urged to visit and enjoy your museum.

Sylvia Thomas
Executive Director

Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center

Principal says thanks

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all parents and students who made Parent Connection a success at Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School on March 24. A total of 281 parents and students attended Parent Connection.

Also, we extend a big thank you to our local businesses and supporters who donated door prizes, food and other supplies. Thank you to Dairy Queen, Minit Mart, Video One, Frog's Ribbit, Computer Knights, Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park and Dawson Springs Schools Parent-Teacher Organization for donating door prizes.

Thank you to Scott Audas, president, Independence Bank of Hopkins County, for speaking to attendees on personal finance. Thank you to Kentucky State Po-

lice Post 2 Troopers Stu Recke and Jerry McKnight for speaking to attendees on internet safety.

We are very thankful to the entire Dawson Springs Community for helping forward student achievement and student development through events like Parent Connection.

Here is a list of door prize winners: \$10 Video One gift card, Vonda Castle; \$10 Video One gift card and tanning lotion, Claudia Norris; Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, Misty Hickerson; Dairy Queen 8-inch cake, Crystal Day; Minit Mart two large pizzas, Autumn Reece; Computer Knights \$20 cash, Carol Dismang; Pennyryle State Park one night's lodging, Joy Fugate; Tervis Tumbler from Frog's Ribbit, Lori Mitchell; Panther T-shirts from Independence Bank, Linda Carter and Twylia Merrell; Mag-Lite from Independence Bank, Brandie Reynolds; and \$200 Marathon gas card from Parent-Teacher Organization, Annette Spurling.

Kevin M. Stockman
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Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School

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Precinct Boundaries

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the center line of U.S. 62 (Nortonville Road) east to House boundary lines and census blocks. Included in this precinct are all of Union Temple and Cal Hamby roads, the west sides of Ilsley and Buttermilk roads and parts of Carbondale and Old Price roads, among others.

Those living near the census blocks and House boundaries which have no visible borders, such as highways or rivers, can find their precinct numbers by visiting the State Board of Elections Web site at www.elect.ky.gov or by phoning the Hopkins County

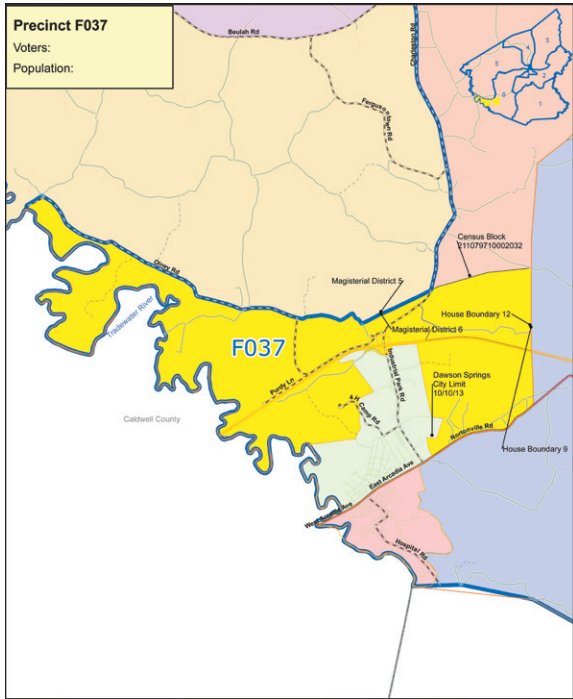
Clerk's office at 270-821-7361.

All four precincts are in Magisterial District 6. All of Hopkins County is in U.S. Senate District 6 and Congressional District 1. However, the redistricting brought about another change in numbers when the county was split into three State Representative Districts.

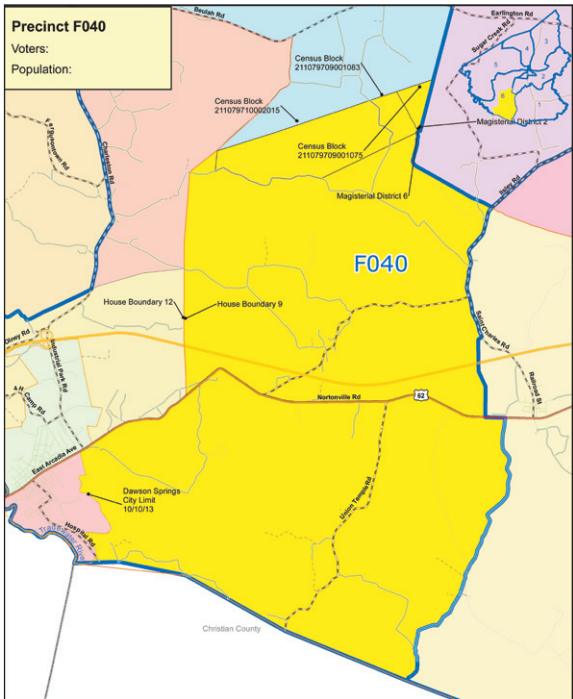
Precincts 37 and 38 are now in District 12 while Precincts 39 and 40 are in District 9.

"The best thing they (voters) can do is to know their precinct number before they go to the polls," Ratliff said.

The deadline to register to vote in the May primary is April 21.



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PRECINCT 40

General Assembly Passes Budget

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lawmakers in January until final passage Monday. For example, the state's main school funding formula, known as SEEK, will go up by \$189 million over the next two years, the bulk of which will be spent on raises for teachers and other school employees of 1 percent in 2015 and 2 percent in 2016.

Also, the budget will fully fund the Kentucky Retirement Systems, or KRS, pension contributions for employees of state government and nearly all "quasi-public agencies" enrolled in the system, costing \$207 million extra over two years. Beshear and the legislature committed to that last year as part of "pension reform." The key KRS fund that covers about 90,600 people has \$2.6 billion in assets and \$11.3 billion in assumed liabilities, making it only 23 percent funded.

Much of state government will see budget cuts of 2.5 percent to 5 percent, with several protected exceptions, such as state prisons and the Medicaid program. Some agencies will have lost 41 percent of

their funding since the economic recession of 2008, making it possible they'll have to lose more employees, close offices, steeply increase the fees they charge the public and take other severe steps.

Although Beshear proposed a 2.5 percent operational budget cut to the state's universities and community colleges, the legislature reduced it to 1.5 percent.

Senate Republicans insisted the budget include language prohibiting any state funds from going to implement the federal Affordable Care Act in Kentucky. Stumbo shrugged that off Monday as political rhetoric because the Beshear administration says federal funds will pay for expanded Medicaid enrollment and the state's health exchanges during the two years covered by the budget.

Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, warned that if Beshear vetoes the Affordable Care

Act language, his chamber will vote to override it.

"If the governor strikes the language and the House won't override the veto, I think that's the worst political vote the House could take at this point in time," Stivers said.

Budget documents Monday show that Kentucky expects to spend \$7.9 billion in fiscal 2015 and \$8.2 billion in fiscal 2016 to provide Medicaid coverage to more than 1.1 million people, or about one-fourth of the state's population, due largely to their low incomes. Most of that money is federal.

The state's two-year road plan remains in negotiation between the House and Senate. A proposed 1.5-cent-a-gallon increase in the gas tax, backed by the House but opposed by the Senate, appears dead. On Monday, Stumbo said the road plan would be based on revenue projections from the existing gas tax, as the Senate wanted. The Senate plan called for spending \$3.67 billion on transportation projects over the next two years, while the House version of the bill would spend \$3.92 billion.

Police Are On Lookout For Drivers Who Text

In conjunction with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement agencies in Kentucky are stepping up efforts to persuade drivers to put down the phone as part of the first national texting enforcement crackdown — U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

"People need to know that we are serious about stopping this deadly behavior," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock, who is Gov. Steve Beshear's designated representative on highway safety and chairman of the Governor's Executive Committee on Highway Safety. "We are distributing federal overtime funds to select agencies throughout the state to strictly enforce our anti-texting law. Driving and texting has reached epidemic levels, and enforcement is part of the cure."

Violating Kentucky's texting law, which took effect April 15, 2010, can be costly. Violators will be liable for fines of \$25 on a first offense and \$50 on each subsequent offense, plus court costs.

The law bans texting for drivers of all ages while the vehicle is in motion. For drivers over 18, it allows the use of global positioning devices and reading, selecting or entering a telephone number or name for the purpose of making a phone call. Texting is allowed only to report illegal activity or to request medical or emergency aid.

For drivers under 18, no use of personal communication devices, such as cell phones and pagers, is allowed while the vehicle is in motion. The use of a global positioning system is allowed, but manually entering information must be completed while the vehicle is stopped.

Adding one more tool to combat texting and driving, KOHS partnered with Mobile Life Solutions on a "Text Limit" application.

The "Text Limit" app, available at www.text-limit.com, eliminates the temptation to text and drive by limiting or disabling the ability to receive a text once a vehicle reaches a set speed determined by the driver. Once the vehicle slows to the selected speed, the phone features become active again.

The cost is \$24.99 per year, but with the code NOTEXKY it is free for the first year.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,328 people were killed and 421,000 injured nationwide in distraction-affected crashes in 2012, the most recent year for which data is available. The University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute reports a quarter of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive, and 20 percent of teens and 10 percent of parents admit they have extended, multi-message text conversations while driving.

Many Need To See Dentist

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cent) said their physician has asked about their oral or dental health. Adults whose physicians asked about their oral health were more likely to visit a dentist (73 percent) than those who were not asked by a physician (62 percent).

Seventy percent of those who said they had insurance reported a dental visit within the past year. Only four in 10 (43 percent) respondents who said they were not

insured went to the dentist.

KHIP was funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health, formerly the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The poll was conducted Oct. 25, 2013, to Nov. 26, 2013, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,551 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone, including landlines and cell phones.

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Lyon pulls away late in baseball tilt

Behind a good pitching effort from Brad Puckett, the Panther baseball team stayed close to the visiting Lyon County Lyons for five innings Monday until Puckett tired. Then the flood gates opened and the Panthers dropped an 18-1 decision in six innings for their eighth loss this year in eight games. Lyon County improved to 3-4.

This game was originally scheduled to be played Friday, but was postponed until Monday because of rain.

The Lyons scored once in each of the first three innings and three times in the fourth for a 6-0 lead.

The Panthers scored their only run in the fourth. Gage Brewer led off with a single to left field. Kevin Brooks walked, then after two outs, Nathan Bearden delivered an RBI single.

The Lyons then put up two runs in the top of the fifth before bringing the game to an early end with a 10-run sixth inning.

The Panthers stranded six runners in the game.

In the junior varsity contest, the Panthers lost 10-6 in the three-inning contest.

After a little bit of a break, the Panthers will host Todd County Central and Whitesville Trinity at Riverside Park Saturday. On Monday, Union County will visit the Panthers.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R
Lyon Co.	1	1	1	3	2	10	18
Panthers	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Softball bows to Maroons

After the Panthers' opening softball game was played in near freezing temperatures, the second game was played in a steady rain at the local municipal park. If those two things didn't make the opening of the season tough enough, the Panthers were facing one of the top teams in the region — Madisonville-North Hopkins.

The Maroons entered the game with only a 3-2 record, but two of those wins came against McCracken County and Louisville Male.

The game was no contest as the Panthers lost their second game of the season 16-0 in a game mercifully shortened to three innings by the 15-run rule.

"It was just awful. We played in the rain," head coach Kent Workman said. "It rained pretty much the whole game. That's no excuse, but it was miserable."

The Panthers' bats didn't provide any offense, but the Maroons were able to hit the ball into gaps and scored in each inning. They scored three in the first and 13 in the second.

"The infield was a lot more comfortable in this game, our second game out, and Courtney (Copeland) pitched well," Workman said. "That caliber of team is going to hit the ball."

The Panthers were scheduled to play Lyon County at home Friday, but the game was canceled due to poor field conditions after the rains.

A round-robin tournament at Webster County that was scheduled for Saturday was also canceled due to rain.

The Panthers played Tuesday at Trigg County but the score was not known at press time. The Panthers travel to McLean County tomorrow, play at home Monday against Crittenden County, and Tuesday at Caldwell County.

	1	2	3	R
North Hopkins	3	13	0	16
Panthers	0	0	0	0



The Panther baseball team dropped its last two outings to Caldwell County and Lyon County. Above, Ryan Bardin pitches to a Tiger batter during last week's game in Princeton. At left, Brad Puckett fields a grounder near the mound and throws out a Lyon hitter on Monday at Riverside Park.

TOP PHOTO BY TODD GRIFFIN, THE TIMES LEADER

Panthers blanked at Caldwell

Many times with a very young baseball team, it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that matters. The Panthers only have two seniors now and several players are missing games because of injury or illness, so the team consists mostly of freshmen and eighth graders.

"We did good, but the score didn't show it," head coach Brady Brooks said.

Caldwell County has five seniors and four juniors on its team. That group of upperclassmen dominated the younger Panthers March 25 in Princeton by a score of 15-0.

Eighth-grader Ryan Bardin pitched for the Panthers, and the Tigers pounded out 12 hits to go with 10 walks.

The Tigers scored five in the first, two in the second, three in the third and four more in the fourth.

The Panthers had eight baserunners and stranded seven of them, five in scoring position.

"We should have scored some runs," Brooks said. "I think we did well; we just stranded too many runners."

	1	2	3	4	5	R
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caldwell Co.	5	2	3	5	x	15

• The Panthers played a junior varsity doubleheader Thursday in the mud and rain at Riverside Park against Madisonville-North Hopkins.

The Maroons won the first game 15-2 in three innings, but the Panthers took the second game 3-0.



Panther shortstop Tori Bullock puts the tag on a Hopkins Central baserunner but the Storm player is called safe at second base during season-opening softball action last week.

Girls drop season opener to Central

Opening day at the local municipal park for the Panther softball team was more like a winter day — the temperature was cold and the wind chill made it feel even worse. But that didn't prevent the Panthers and the Hopkins County Central Storm from playing what should be a spring and summer game.

However, the Panther bats were as cold as the weather while the Storm's bats heated up as the game progressed as they were playing their fourth game of the young season (3-0).

"Offensively, we were real hesitant — apprehensive," head coach Kent Workman said. "That's going to go with young players. We have to start seeing (the ball) and being a little more aggressive on good pitches."

The Storm scored the first run of the game off Panther freshman pitcher Courtney Copeland in the top of the fourth and then added another in the fifth for a 2-0 lead.

In the sixth, the Storm pushed five runs across the plate for a 7-0 lead to effectively put the game out of reach. Four more runs in the top of the seventh ensured the Storm's fourth win.

"Defensively, we played real well," Workman said. "Especially for as many new girls as we have. They (the Storm) hit the ball well."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Hop. Central	0	0	0	1	1	5	4	11
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Youth League adds sign-up date for this April 12

The Dawson Springs Youth League will add an additional sign-up date to accommodate those who were out of town for spring break March 29.

April 12 will be the final sign-up date for Pee Wee, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Sign-ups will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the municipal park concession stand. Fees may be paid in cash or by check.

UK's NCAA run ... do you believe in miracles?

In context of losing 10 times, surviving Kansas State, unbeaten Wichita State, defending NCAA champion Louisville, then Michigan, Kentucky's unlikely advance to the 2014 Final Four, is reminiscent of ...

"... the Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!" — Russ Hodges, New York Giants radio, 1951.

Or ...
"Do you believe in miracles?" Al Michaels, Olympic Games, 1980.

Or ...
"I don't believe what I just saw," Jack Buck, St. Louis Cardinals radio, 1988.

Or ...
"... and here they come to me now." Cawood Ledford (any Kentucky Derby).

Me, in this instance, is you of Big Blue Nation. They, in this instance, are three front men — Marcus Lee, Aaron Harrison and John Calipari. Each personifies what has emerged from March's mad wilderness, a team.

✓ Harrison had nerve to seize a moment, step back with 2.3 seconds left on Sunday, and stick it.

✓ Lee stayed engaged to explode out from Willie Cauley-Stein's long shadow and, well, step up.

✓ And, Calipari recognized the media love and dividend to be gotten from preparing his team, leave them to talk together before tipoffs and time outs, shut up and let 'em play.

For Kentucky fans: "... and here they come to me now."

A month ago, Big Blue's basketball bunch dribbled onto the court in Atlanta wearing the same clothes. By Sunday evening, March 16, the Wildcats had lost to Florida by a point, accepted an NCAA selection committee slap-in-the-face eight seed in the Midwest Region. K-State was waiting. No. 1 ranked Wichita State, defending NCAA champion Louisville and 2013 title game finalist Michigan too.

In a fortnight that beckons a Jack Buck "I don't believe what I just saw!" the Wildcats came upon us like daffodils. Suddenly, there they are! Next, UK gave its fans four games so gorgeous even Uncle Adolph Rupp would've allowed an approving smile.



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Sports in Kentucky

Not since Anthony Davis Inc. highlight reels has Big Blue Nation had reason to revel in 160 minutes of gorgeous basketball. Four games. Silk. Efficient, good decisions, unselfish, soaring, push-for-shove, incredible clutch shooting, and no blink.

Kansas State was game but surrendered. Wichita State was determined, but too nourished by a negative: "We don't get any respect."

Louisville simply cracked under pressure. Rick Pitino was so crushed he could not do the handshake queue with one-and-done Wildcats.

And, by then, Michigan faced a Kentucky team destined to put in full eclipse the ghost of Christian Laettner. Even if these Wildcats had no idea, you did. Aaron

Harrison's step-back swisher at 2.3 seconds ... then guard the inbound pass.

Epilogue? NCAA Midwest All-Region Team: UK's Julius Randle and Aaron Harrison of course. But, (wait for it) with 15 minutes playing time in one box score, Marcus Lee. Perfect.

"... and here they come to me now." ... Kentucky is going to the Final Four.

America's glam team is bringin' its best, driving the band wagon past all the "told ya so's" to Lone Star's Big D.

Tweak

As surprised by his team's blossom as the next man, Calipari, in three weeks, given new life to the word, tweak which means: "I'm gonna shut up-and-let 'em play!"

Media herd allowed itself to be tweaked by John Calipari too. By Sunday critics to one-and-done-ism were U-turning faster than Charles Barkley's bobble head move.

"Hey, maybe John's got it right," they yodeled.

Amen corner

Michigan's John Beilein, one of the five best coaches in college basketball today (Billy Donovan, Tom Izzo, Rick Pitino and Mike Krzyzewski), offered the best quote last week.

About Michigan Fab Five and so much attention given Kentucky freshmen "... is a media thing," Beilein said at a press conference. "I wish we'd all just embrace the kid that's a grinder for four years instead of making this huge thing about freshmen stars. Let's reward the kid that really works hard just as much as the freshmen stars."

Amen.

Reflections

✓ Michigan's Fab Five, a sports writer implied last week, "was cool and spearheaded a huge social change."

Say what? Chris Webber, Jalen Rose and pals did not win even a Big Ten title. And, their booster-financed time in Ann Arbor brought an NCAA edict: Take down the Final Four banner. Some cool legacy.

✓ With ESPN's Jimmy Dykes gone off to coach the women's team at Arkansas, basketball fans might get relief from incessant analysis, right? Wrong. Greg Anthony is a worthy replacement. He's good, but, if it moves, Anthony's going to explain.

✓ If someone whispered four words into Alex Poythress's ear before he checked into a game, the kid might be an All-American. "It's show time, man."

✓ Stunning, life and times parallels of Adolph Rupp at Kentucky and John Wooden at UCLA. Seth Davis' Wooden: A Coach's Life, is quite a read.

Final Four

Odds makers make it an all SEC final on Monday.

Florida versus Kentucky would be a second meeting this year. The Wildcats Billy Donovan's team played in Lexington Feb. 15 and in Gainesville March 8, is no more. Florida would play a team it beat by a point at the SEC Tournament in Atlanta.

If it happens, don't be surprised if bettors offered no point spread this time.

Parting shot

UK basketball fan who said: "Kentucky basketball this year? Look at it on the bright side. It could've been worse. The Harrison twins could've been triplets," stand up, please?

And so it goes.

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Kentucky is prime place to fish for smallmouth bass

By Lee McClellan

You hear about Lake St. Clair, Mille Lacs, Lake Erie and the upper Mississippi River as waters that produce the best smallmouth fishing in the United States.

As far as catching numbers of smallmouth with many of those larger than 4 pounds, you can't argue with the sentiment. However, to catch the largest specimens in the world, you need to fish in Kentucky and Tennessee.

This statement isn't regional boastful pride or being a homer, it is fact. The three largest smallmouth bass on the ESPN/Bassmaster Top 25 Smallmouth Bass list came from one water body: Dale Hollow Lake, which straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee line in south-central Kentucky.

The all-tackle world record came out of Dale Hollow, an 11-pound, 15-ounce behemoth. Leitchfield's David L. Hayes caught that fish by trolling points in the Kentucky section of the lake on the morning of July 9, 1955. Dale Hollow produced John Gorman's second place smallmouth, a 10-pound, 14-ounce fish caught in April 1969. Gorman fooled the smallmouth with a white doll fly fished in the Obey River arm of the lake. Paul Beal's 10-pound, 8-ounce third place smallmouth struck a smoke-colored grub in April 1986 from the Hendrick's Creek arm of the lake.

In all, six of the top 10 smallmouth bass on the list came from Dale Hollow.

"The upper Cumberland River system has great smallmouth bass genetics," said John Williams, south-eastern fisheries district biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Since this general area produces the biggest smallmouths on record, the genetics are excellent for producing huge specimens."

Kentucky is blessed with three world-class smallmouth lakes: Laurel River Lake, Lake Cumberland and the upper section of Dale Hollow Lake that produced the world record. Williams and his crew oversee the smallmouth bass management on Laurel River Lake

Beshear praises Corp for lake level decision

Gov. Steve Beshear praised the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) last week for deciding to raise the water levels at Lake Cumberland to 723 feet above sea level this summer. Water levels at Lake Cumberland have not been at the traditional 723-foot level since January 2007.

The Corps' decision to raise water levels at Lake Cumberland will give a much-needed economic boost to the citizens and businesses throughout the region that rely on tourism dollars," said Gov. Beshear. "I am pleased that the Corps and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have expeditiously resolved the issues facing endangered habitat within the water, and that the lake will be open at conventional levels in time for the summer season. This is wonderful news for Lake Cumberland residents and everyone who enjoys fishing and boating at this first-rate Kentucky tourism destination."

The USACE initially drained water from the lake in January 2007 after concluding there was a high risk that Wolf Creek Dam could fail due to leaking water channels. Since that time, the leaks have been successfully repaired, and the Corps was expected to raise the lake to normal levels in time for the 2014 summer tourism season.

However, in January, the Corps announced that due to the discovery of new habitats of duskytail darters, an endangered species, the water level could not be raised because it would put the fish population at risk. The fish were found at seven new locations in the headwaters portion of the Big South Fork embayment in Lake Cumberland.

Gov. Beshear contacted the Nashville USACE office in February to express his concern about the impact of delaying the raising of the lake level, particularly for a region that depends heavily on fishing and outdoor recreation tourism.

"This is great news," said Bob Stewart, secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. "This

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and Lake Cumberland and assist with the Kentucky portion of Dale Hollow Lake.

The numbing cold of this past winter has fishing rhythms well behind most years. March is normally one of the best months of the year for trophies, but this year it will be April as water temperatures are just now breaking into the upper 40s on these lakes.

In spring, smallmouth bass move from their winter hideouts — along steep points, bluffs or suspended above channel drops — toward their spawning grounds on gently sloping banks that run from shallow to medium-depth water.

Long, extended points that run well out in the lake also make good spring areas in these lakes as do the shallow ends of small coves that run off the main lake or a major creek arm.

Jerkbaits and swimbaits also fool smallmouths on sloping banks in spring. Anglers report catching smallmouth bass above 4 pounds recently on Dale Hollow using Tennessee shad-colored swimbaits and clown-colored jerkbaits fished on gently-sloping pea gravel banks. Those banks with some grass on them are best.

"If I wanted to catch a smallmouth bass 6 pounds or better, I would go to Laurel River Lake," Williams said. "I hear regularly of smallmouths over 7 pounds coming from the lake and it seems to improve every year."

Small, pearl-colored swimbaits rigged on ¼-ounce lead-head jigs are deadly in spring on long, sloping points in Laurel. Blade baits ripped off the bottom and allowed to settle again also work well in these spots. Watch your line intently when the blade bait sinks to bottom again as smallmouth often pick it off as it settles.

"Laurel is harder to fish and can be terribly frustrating and you'll leave convinced there isn't a smallmouth in it," explained Williams, who caught his per-

will have an immediate and significant impact on this year's tourism season on and around one of Kentucky's most popular recreational destinations."

USACE worked closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expedite the Biological Opinion, which was necessary for the Corps to return the lake to its normal recreation season level of 723 feet. The Corps and the Service will implement three conservation measures to protect the duskytail darter.

The Corps will begin to capture water in Lake Cumberland immediately; how quickly the lake returns to its peak target elevation will depend on rainfall totals and frequency.

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sonal best 6-pound, 3-ounce smallmouth from the lake two years ago. "Then, you catch a monster and you are motivated again."

The smallmouth population in Lake Cumberland is consistently good year after year. "The lake's smallmouths are in great condition with many 20-inch and longer fish in the population," Williams said.

The sloping banks near Low Gap Island, in the middle and lower sections of Otter, Caney and Wolf creeks all have excellent trophy spring smallmouth potential. Swimming a small black and purple or olive hair jig just above bottom in these areas produces strikes right now. Slowly working deep-diving red or orange and brown crankbaits from shallow to deep on these banks works well.

Crawling or swimming 5/16-ounce finesse jigs in the Cumberland Craw color along the bottom in these areas also draws strikes as does deadsticking black finesse worms on ¼-ounce Shakey heads.

The rip-rap along the dam almost always holds spring smallmouths.

"These lakes have the potential to produce world-class specimens in springtime," Williams said. "Now is the time to fish if you can."

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Scenic Highway Idea Gets Renewed Life

By Steve Vied
The Messenger-Inquirer

A dozen years ago, it sounded like an idea perfectly suited for this region — a 283-mile Bluegrass, Blues and BBQ Scenic Byway stretching across eight counties.

But now, five years after nearly \$100,000 in federal money was approved the project has fallen into inactive status and subject to being terminated, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

But the project may be getting new life. At its Feb. 25 meeting, according to a court employee, Ohio Fiscal Court passed a resolution agreeing to take the lead on the long-dormant project and be responsible for handling all the administrative work necessary to take it forward.

Hancock County Judge-Executive Jack McCaslin said his fiscal court will have to discuss the issue, but if Ohio County is willing to take the lead on the project, Hancock County will probably be supportive.

Daviess County Treasurer Jim Hendrix said the county isn't interested in taking the lead on the project but isn't likely to oppose its implementation.

In 2009, the project

was awarded \$97,000 in federal money by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

The scenic highway, created by the state in 2003, would take visitors through Hancock, Daviess, Henderson, Union, Webster, McLean, Muhlenberg and Ohio counties, using parts of U.S. 60, Kentucky 56, Kentucky 81 and other area highways.

In 2007, the trail won a federal grant of \$61,000 to develop a management plan.

The scenic byway was envisioned as three interconnecting music trails that would take motorists through the eight counties. The Bill Monroe Bluegrass Trail in Ohio County, the Everly Brothers/Merle Travis Trail in Muhlenberg County and the W.C. Handy Blues Trail in Henderson, Webster and Union counties were to make up the byway.

Beginning at the William H. Natcher Bridge in Maceo, the scenic byway was to meander through the counties and pass by such places as a replica of a one-room schoolhouse in Hancock County, the Bill Monroe homeplace near Rosine, the Battle of Sacramento site, and the International Bluegrass Music Museum.



DARLA AND WILLIE ADAMS
To observe 25 years of marriage

William And Darla Adams Will Celebrate Anniversary

William and Darla Hunt Adams will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary April 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dawson Springs Community Center.

Everyone is invited to help them celebrate this special occasion, hosted by their sons Jacob and Jeremiah and given by friends and family.

The couple were married April 15, 1989, at the First United Methodist Church in Dawson Springs with the Rev. James Bush officiating.

Willie is the son of Maxine Adams and the late William Earl Adams of Dawson Springs.

Darla is the daughter of Frank and Dorothy Hunt of Dawson Springs.

Hopkinsville Installs First African-American Fire Chief

By Carla Jimenez
Kentucky New Era

Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp administered the oath of office for the first African-American fire chief in the city's history March 19.

Freddie Montgomery was joined by his wife and family, and his wife pinned the new rank on his collar.

Montgomery was

selected from two candidates in the fire department who interviewed for the position.

After Montgomery was sworn in, Kemp also instated Battalion Chief Michael Workman as the next deputy fire chief.

The city will host a joint reception, celebrating both Montgomery's promotion and Pace's retirement, in April.



LORI HENSLEY HOLLOWAY, (left) a 1983 DSHS graduate, who is the Director of Human Resources, Max Arnold and Sons, LLC, chats with Twylia Dunbar Merrell, a 1984 DSHS graduate, who is now an OB nurse/midwife at Baptist Health Madisonville, during their visit to the local high school as guest speakers on Career Day Friday, March 21.



FRANK MARLILI, a 2007 DSHS graduate, who is now an industrial engineer with MUBEA, speaks with local high school students on Career Day Friday, March 21.

Free Bird Walk Scheduled At Pennyrile Resort Park

A free guided bird walk along Clifty Creek will be led by Joe LaFleur Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. The walk features hands-on identification of resident and migrant birds in habitats like woodlands, shrubby areas, riparian areas, creek and lake. Beginners are welcome.

Participants should bring binoculars and wear good walking shoes. They will meet in the lodge lobby at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

From 10 to 10:30 a.m. LaFleur will provide a free audiovisual program about common spring migrants. The program will help identify birds by sight and sound and will also review preferred habitats where each species is likely to be encountered. The program

will be held in the private dining room at the lodge.

LaFleur has degrees in wildlife biology and communications and has been collecting video and sound recordings of birds for 22 years. Over the past 10 years he has produced a series of videos for all the states and provinces including a Kentucky version that is ideal for beginners because it focuses on the top 150 Kentucky birds. Better Birdwatching titles also include a new series, A Bird for All Seasons, which features seasonal bird behaviors set to the rhythms of the classical music Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The new Eastern Birds DVDs are available at the gift shop at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.



SCOTTY PARSONS SR.
Is honored in Lexington

Local Farmer Inducted In Cattlemen's Hall Of Fame

Scotty Parsons Sr. was inducted into the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association's Hall of Fame Jan. 17 during its annual convention held at the Hyatt Hotel in Lexington.

Parsons has been a member of the association for more than 20 years. He has been active

in his local association and served as president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association in 2009.

After retiring from full-time work in school administration, he now spends full time on his farm with a cow/calf operation.



CHUCK OSBORNE, Kentucky Farm Bureau vice president of agency support and marketing (left) and Adam Whiteside, KFB Insurance Agency support and marketing manager for district one (right) present Jarrett Brown with the 2013 District One Agency Manager of the Year award.

submitted photo

Ky. Farm Bureau Honors Manager Jarrett Brown

Jarrett Brown, LUTCF, agency manager of the Hopkins County-Center Street Agency for Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, has been named 2013 Agency Manager of the Year for District One.

The District One Agency Manager of the Year award recognizes excellence in overall sales production, satisfactory loss-ratio, service to policy holders and an affirmative attitude. District One is a 24-county region consisting of agencies in the following counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd, Trigg, Union and Webster.

Brown contracted as an agent with Kentucky Farm Bureau in April 1998 and became agency manager of the Hopkins County-Center Street Agency in June 2008. He attended Caldwell County High School,

University of Kentucky Community College and Western Kentucky University, where he received a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration and business administration. Brown is active in his church and community, serving on the board of the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, as president-elect of United Way of the Coal Field as well as participating in the local NAI-FA and WKU Alumni chapters and volunteering on the Sunday school staff at his church. He and his wife Dana have twin boys, San and Shepherd.

Brown heads the list of a well-established network of nearly 400 Kentucky Farm Bureau agents statewide. The company, founded in 1944, has offices in all of the commonwealth's 120 counties. Farm Bureau markets a wide variety of insurance lines, from homeowner's and automobile coverage to life and health insurance and retirement planning.

NAMI Group Will Meet

NAMI, a support group for family and friends of people with mental illness, will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at St. Mary's

Episcopal Church, 163, N. Main St. in Madisonville.

For information, phone Mary Poole at 270-824-8673.



MAYOR Jenny Sewell poses with members of the Outwood Foster Grandparents, (from left) Shelia Ausenbaugh, Betty Jackson, Wendy Shipley, and Carolyn Sigler, following the signing of a proclamation recognizing April, 1, 2014, as Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, encouraging residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in Dawson Springs and thank those who serve and find ways to pay back their community.

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DR. TIM TODD, a 1984 DSHS graduate, who is now dean of the College of Business at MSU, speaks with local high school students on Career Day Friday, March 21.



2014 SPRING SPORTS

DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the 2014 Dawson Springs High School track team are (front, from left) Aubrie Gunn, Kaylee Simpson, Brooklyn Cotton, Katie Crider, Christina Hamby, Austin Bruce, Kristian Ford, Logan McKnight, (second row) Alyssa Pugh, Brad Puckett, Cameron Riley, Keyli Burden, Caitlynn Moore, Tanner Weir, Dylan

Simpson, Jett McKnight, (third row) Leah Smiley, Dakota Ford, Hunter Dyer, Jacob Messamore, Christian Abbott, Isiah Abbott, Jon Williams, Marlee Burden, (fourth row) Seth Dismang, Ryne Bruch, Trace Menser, Travis Lussier, Halyn Burden, Madison Garrett and Montana Stallins

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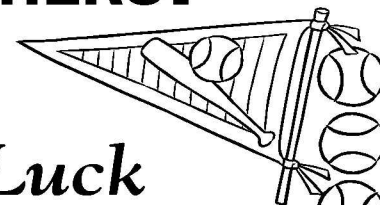
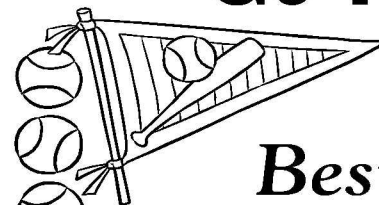
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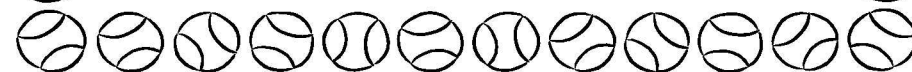
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Hickerson, Dakota Jones, Ryan Bardin, Ethan Garrison, (back row) head coach Brady Brooks, Taylor Edwards, Nathan Bearden, Devan Baker and Zach Bivins. Not pictured are Kameron Orten and Brittany Orten, manager.

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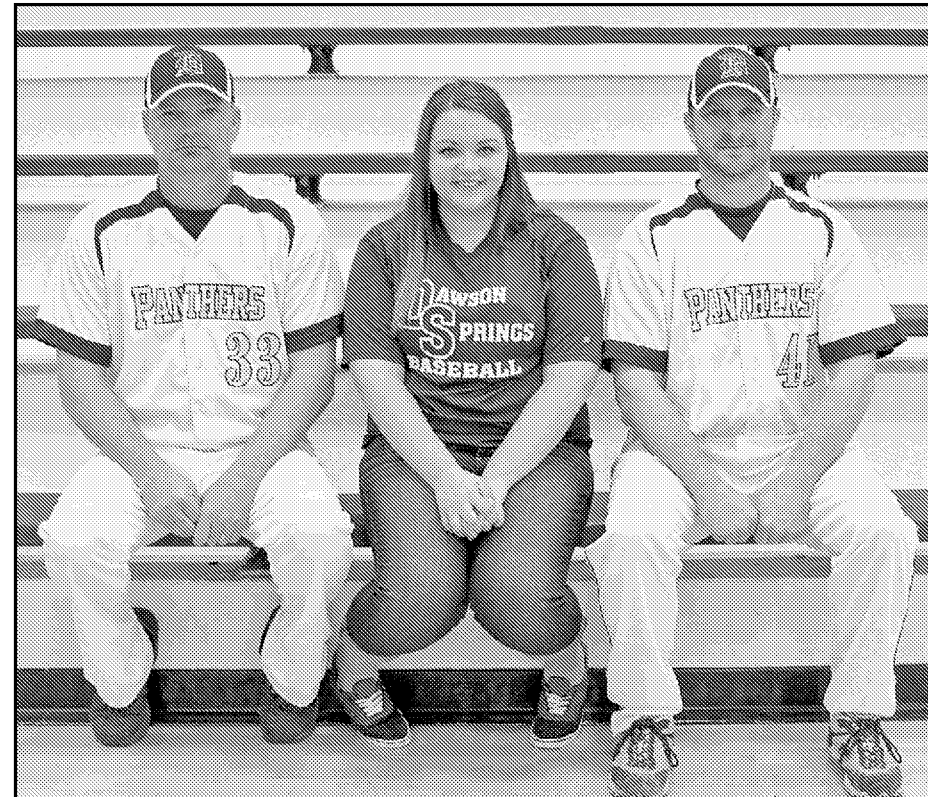
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Baseball Freshmen

(front) David Price and Austin Hart, (back) Taylor Edwards, Nathan Bearden and Dakota Jones



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Heath Burden, Shawna Poynor and Brady Brooks (Brittany Orten not pictured)

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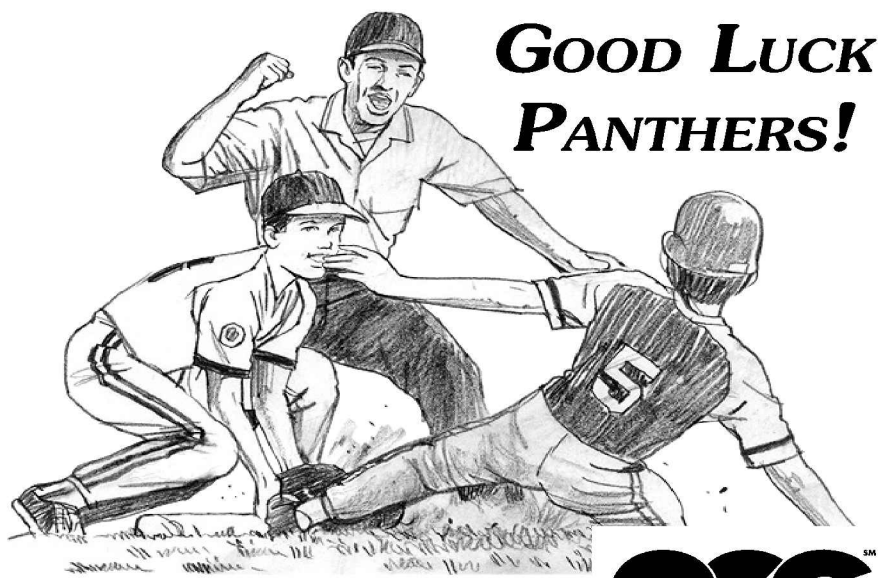


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Baseball Underclassmen

(front) Ryan Bardin, Cole Collins, Kevin Brooks, Caleb Hickerson, (back) Jett McKnight, Devan Baker, Ethan Garrison and Zach Bivins. Kameron Orten is not pictured.



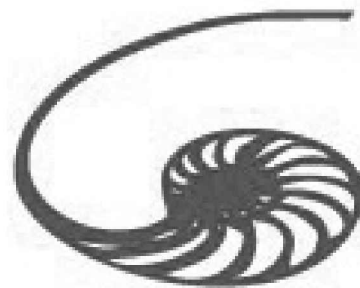
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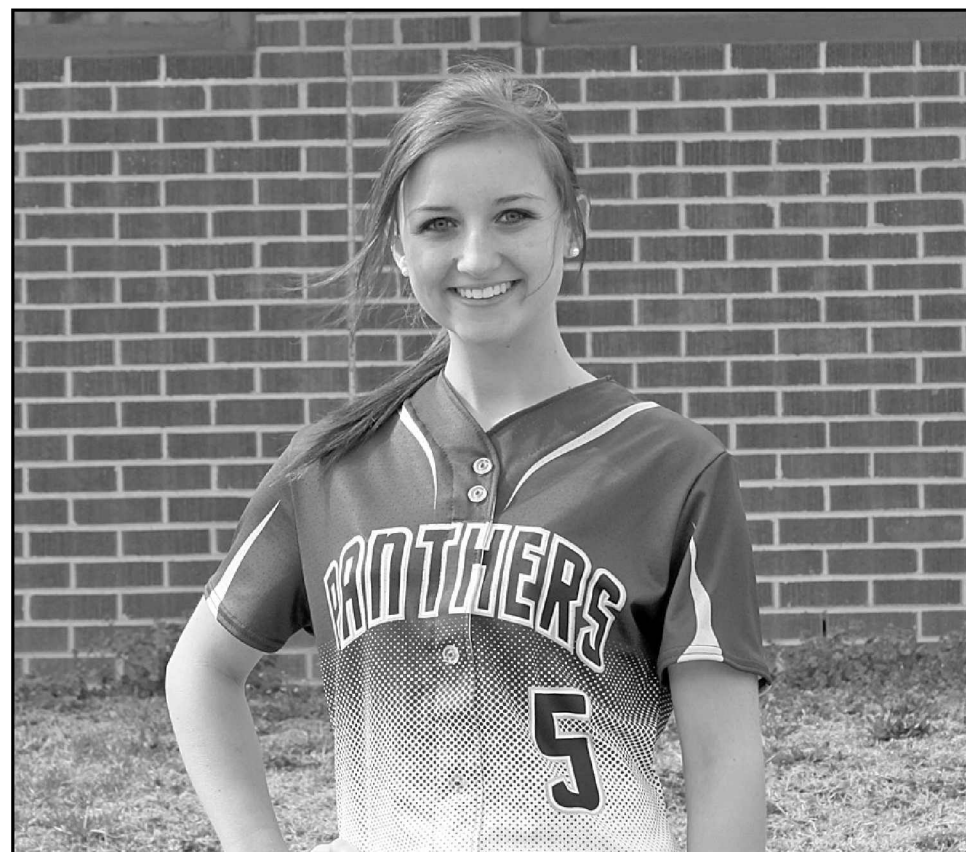


Members of the 2014 Dawson Springs High School softball team are (front, from left) Madison Riggs, Heather Genseal, Tori Bullock, Sabreyn Pleasant, Kianna Hooper, Reagan Riggs, Jalynn

Hooper, (back row) Jennifer McCraw, Erin Woolsey, Courtney Copeland, Bradleigh Bruch, Hannah Childers, Savannah Bean, Kayla Bigham and Alyssa Dismang.



Softball Senior
Bradleigh Bruch



Softball Junior
Hannah Childers



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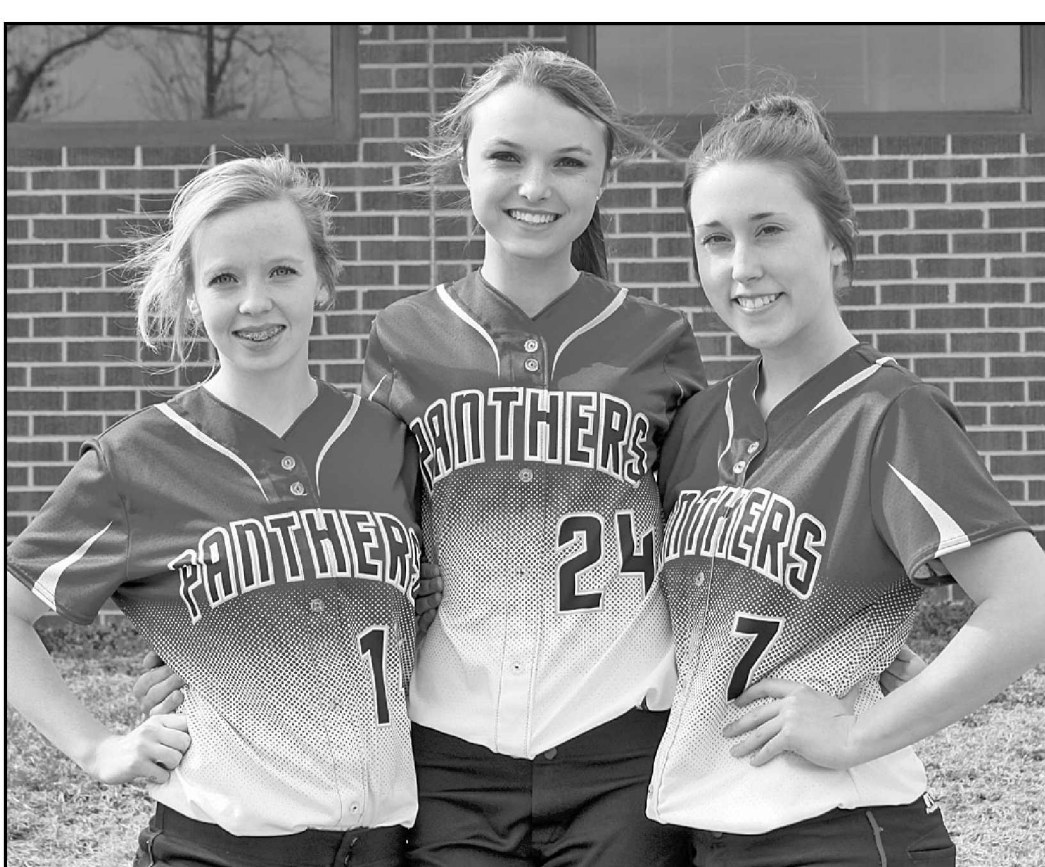
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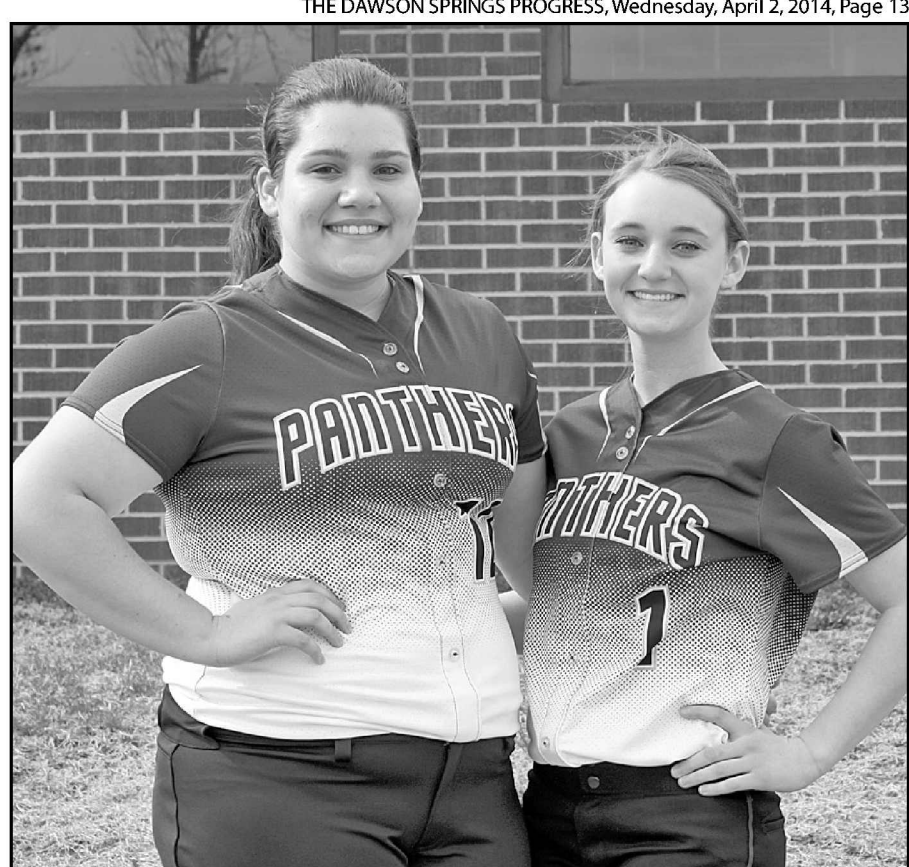
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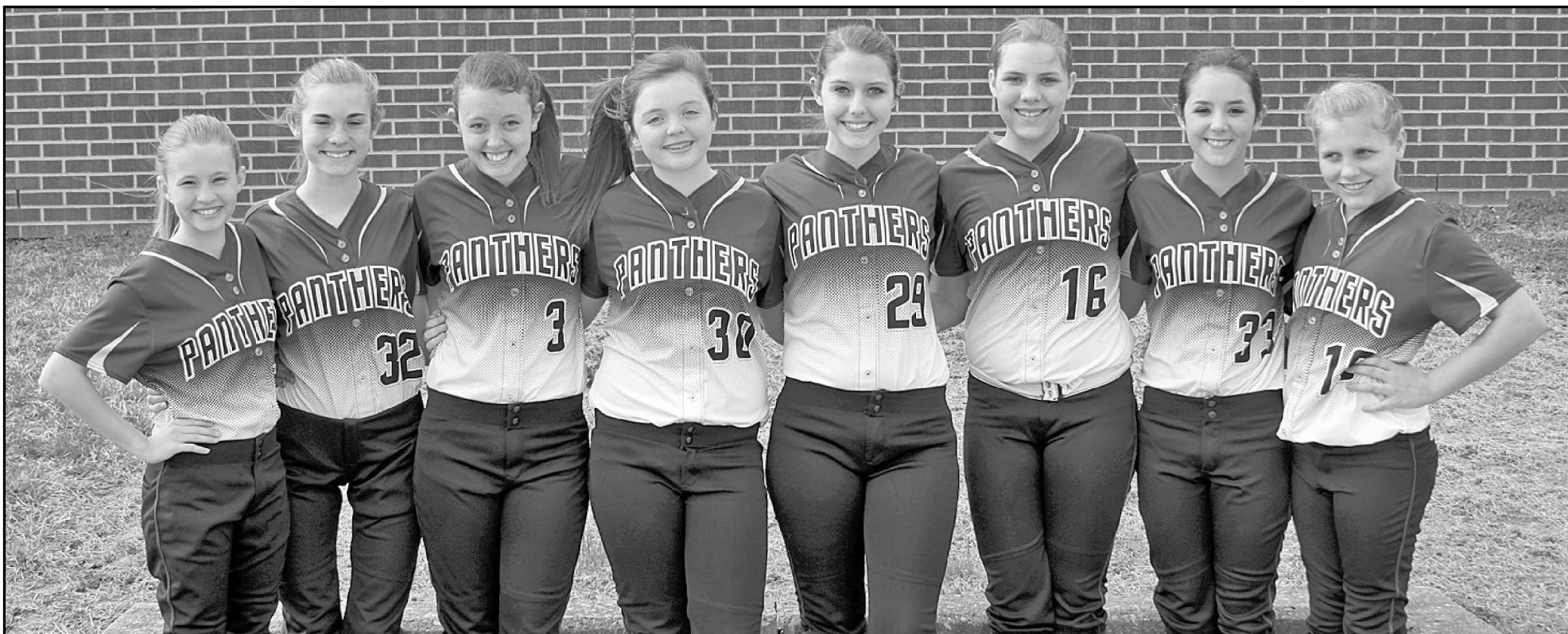
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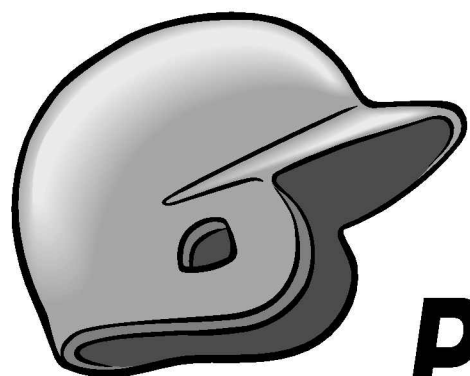
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